

Season's Greetings

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THE START OF PORTERVILLE

By W. B. SCHORTMAN
(Continued from last week)

Behind the Pioneer Bank, you see the city jail. This cement building is a small, two-cell affair on the east side of the alley.

We are now at the northeast corner of Main and Putnam. This is the South Taylor Building. The upstairs is a rooming house, and below, Wilko Mentz has the corner store. Wilko carries a wide variety of goods, groceries, hardware, and such. He caters to the farmers and cattlemen; and also has the Indian trade. His customers, except the Indians, have a yearly income so Wilko carries their accounts. Wilko is the city's first mayor and interested in the First National Bank. He also trades and acts as the Indians' trusted banker and friend.

Next door, we have the Lana's Candy and Ice Cream Store. Lana's makes some of their own candy and ice cream. They will long be remembered for their generosity for on the last day of school before the summer vacation, they treat the teachers and children to a free dish of ice cream.

We now come to the White Front Dry Goods Store of Mrs. A.M. Greaf. This store is stocked with the latest fashions. In the window, we see long dresses of silk and cotton, hats, and all types of curtains. One hat has a beautiful ostrich plume.

Now we come to the A.S. Mapes Building. They live upstairs, and below, he has his harness shop. Sweezie sells saddles, harnesses, buggies, carts, whips, and horse blankets; he also makes and repairs leather goods.

Coming down the street on two bay horses, riding side saddle, are Bessie Vaughn and Elvira Hardeman. These young ladies are often seen riding their horses and wearing attractive brown velvet riding habits.

Our next stop is Harvey A. Frame's Produce Store. In the cement sidewalks in front, is Harvey's name in brass letters. Leo Pohlman and Harry Mahafey work here. They sell chickens, feed, plants in season, vegetables and fruits, and right now they are unloading a two-horse load of potatoes. This is the only wooden building on this side in this block.

The next building, owned by Sol Rodergs, has room upstairs. The Bud Futrell Grocery is on the street level. Bud carries a complete stock of groceries. Mr. Trefry is unloading a load of goods in wooden boxes for Bud from the freight house on Olive Street.

Now we come to the Telephone Office next door. Walter Vinson, who rides his racycle Bike, from Zante, to work each day, is manager, and his lineman is Bert Maxon. They have three "hello" girls at the switchboard. "Number please" and "the line's busy" are familiar sayings here.

The Messenger Paper Office is next door as we walk north. It was recently purchased by Mr. G.L. Olds and Ernest White, who are busy remodeling the office. We can hear the press working to put out the morning paper. Robert Mack is their reporter. Next door, is the office of the Pioneer Land Company. Val Knupp is the manager, and Mr. Guinn is the outside man. The Pioneer Land Company still owns the city water works, the Pioneer Farm northwest of town, and other property.

Tom Monroe, our other butcher, is next to the Barrett Building. Charles Berrie, his helper, takes and fills orders. This past winter, he had a bear, someone shot, on display. Ice is used for cooling.

Most stores have a horse and wagon to deliver goods.

Next to the Monroe Market is the Chamber of Commerce office. The secretary is on hand to answer requests for information about Porterville. This is the first of the stores in the North Taylor Block.

The Schortman's Bicycle Shop is next. This shop was recently bought from Dorsey and Burgess. A stock of Rambler and Snell Bikes is carried. Hand and foot power grinder and lathe are used to do all types of repairing. A stairway to the Citrus Rooms is next. Mrs. Smith runs this rooming house.

As we leave here, we meet Jim McCabe. Jim is the city's undertaker and his helper is Frank Simpson. Jim is also the coroner for this district.

The last place in this block is the Wells Fargo Express Office, managed by Fred Bearss, who is also the agent for the Taylor Estate here. At Christmas time, this office is loaded with packed boxes of oranges going to friends in the east.

Behind this building on Second Street, there stands a very large oak tree, one of several in the city. People park their teams here and the Indians always stop here while in town to shop.

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The Time Of Singing Has Come

By Al Hilton

The time of singing has come, for it is the Christmas season again. The old mystery has happened once more, and the hardness drops strangely, surely from our hearts. The ice leaves our eyes and the fire of human warmth and understanding burns there instead.

It is Christmas again and the countenance loses its flintiness and stoniness and becomes wreathed in smiles and human interest. A lilt is in the land and a song is on the air.

Christmas is a time of mystery. The world becomes suddenly and for a little while fresh again, and eyes long accustomed to squinting with suspicion open for awhile in honest surprise and gladness. The least spiritual sensitive person among us senses that what Christmas celebrates is something far and a way beyond the ordinary.

Mystery! A strange inexplicable event whose meaning we cannot fully discern transfixes at Christmas. Something new, decisive, winsome, wonderful, redeeming has occurred.

Christ is born.

We have the right to celebrate the joys and gladness of Christmas time but we have no right to let the tinsel and turkey, and trimmings blind us to the truth that there is much that is ugly in the plight of our cities; there is much that is evil in the ways among us that allow some to have so much in this country while others live their entire lives in the shadow of hunger and poverty.

Christmas declares that even when God does his best, Iniquity arrives peddling his wares and transacting his business. Christmas shows us the mystery of stubborn Iniquity. Yet...

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare him room,
And Heaven and Nature sing.

Boydston Again Heads T.C. Exchange; Sales Exceed \$18 Million Last Year

PORTERVILLE — More than 4½ million cartons of fresh citrus fruits were marketed through the Tulare County Fruit Exchange in the 1975-76 season, Manager Jay Martin reported at the 75th annual meeting of the Porterville-based sales arm of Sunkist Growers, Inc.

Total returns to member houses, including payment for fruit diverted to products, was in

excess of \$18,000,000. Included in the total are Navel and Valencia oranges, lemons, tangerines and grapefruit.

Martin said the new San Joaquin Valley Navel orange crop now being harvested is of much better quality than last year's and is being well received by consumers.

Officers elected for one-year

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CWA CHARTER MEETING IS JANUARY 5

EXETER — Organizational meeting of the Tulare County chapter, California Women for Agriculture organization, will be held January 5 in the Visalia Elks Lodge, with two speakers featured at the 10:30 a.m. business meeting and the 12:30 p.m. luncheon, according to acting chairman, Virginia Cosart, of Exeter.

Robert Wall, Tulare County Planning director, will show slides and discuss land use planning as it relates to agriculture in Tulare county and the state, during the morning period.

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Springville's Mountain Lions Planning Dinner

SPRINGVILLE — The "Mountain Lions" of Springville will meet the evening of January 3 with officials of the California Burn Foundation from Fresno to start planning for annual Springville Lions' club ham dinner, set for Sunday, February 6, in the Springville Veterans building.

Funds raised by the dinner - the 23rd such event - will go to the Burn Foundation; the dinner will be dedicated to the memory of the late Frank Kibler, a past president of the Springville Lions club.

As in past years serving will be from 12 noon until 7 p.m.; tickets will be priced at \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for youngsters. The ham dinner has become a traditional event for Springville, drawing families from throughout southeastern Tulare county.

CANTERBELLES PLAN CATTLE PENNING EVENT

PORTERVILLE — Cattle Penning event on the Porterville Fairgrounds is being planned by the Porterville Canterbelles for January 22, with four divisions set: Open, women, youth 16 years and under, and family-related youth and adults.

A Calcutta will be set up and prize money will go from first through fourth in each division. New memberships are also being invited in the Canterbelles, an all-girl, mounted drill team that was first organized in Porterville some 30 years ago. To be eligible a girl must be between the ages of 10 and 18 years and must have a sorrel or bay horse. Cost involves a

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VISALIA — Philip Sickels, of Porterville, has joined the Aerospace team as a member of the U.S. Air Force, reporting for active duty on the 29th of November for basic training at San Antonio, Texas. During his Air Force enlistment, will receive training as a Security Specialist at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Sickels is a June '75 Graduate of Porterville High,

We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

SO, CONFUSION becomes more confusing in the Porterville City hall, what with city councilmen reaching a 2-2 decision on the firing of ex-Police Chief John Start. This action upholds the firing in actuality and Start, not surprisingly, has said he will appeal the decision in Superior court. And, strange as it may seem, the court has the power to reinstate him - also the power to let the firing stand.

ALL OF the councilmen agreed except Mrs. Ed Valierre, wife of ex-City Manager Ed Valierre who did not participate in the hearings or the decision, that they could not sustain all charges against Start. Aubrey Lumley and Larry Cotta went flat out and upheld the firing of Start by ex-Ed on the basis that charges of misconduct could be sustained and were sufficient. Mayor Earl Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Holly came up with a hocus pocus, around-and-around-the-mulberry-bush decision which we think said that while they believe the facts substantiate misconduct they would suspend Start for 30 days then put him back on the job under probation for a period of one year but whoever the new city manager is would have the power to sustain the firing of Start in a year or sooner if he developed facts to substantiate such action, but if this is unacceptable to Start or to any legal body that reviews the decision, then they (Smith and Holly) will sustain the firing of Start "unconditionally." ... A fearless statement, if we read it correctly, that was probably designed to have something for everyone but ends up by having nothing for anyone.

AND NOW our thoughts for the Happy Holidays: To the Valierre haters, forget it. He's gone. To the Start lovers, play the hearing tapes and listen objectively. To the Lumley haters. This guy has been wrong and right, mean and compassionate, rough and smooth, loveable and detestable, but Lumley has always been something, he lays it on the line, you know where he stands. The thing that Lumley is not is dishonest. Those who believe otherwise should either come up with a legal indictment or fold their tents and disappear. (And that includes Start)

AS FOR the BOD squad, we would like to have a nice little Christmas message from you,

signed by the officers, listing the membership, stating your platform and telling me how you join this organization. Since the names of Charles McLaughlin popped up in the Start hearing as president, and his wife, Pat, as secretary, they are the ones we would like to hear from. ... They are known as honest and honorable citizens of the community and they are long-time friends of ours. But our curiosity is out of control. What is the BOD squad hiding with its semi-secrecy and anonymity?

FARM FRONT

VISALIA — Farm crops are moving from Tulare county but rain is badly needed says Agricultural Commissioner Clyde R. Churchill in his weekly report for the week ending December 18.

Milo continues to be harvested, he said. Some early planted wheat and barley is up and some is still being planted. Dryland grain growers are hoping for a rain to keep their grain coming.

Still some second picking of cotton in progress. Growers are shredding and tilling their fields behind the pickers preparing for other crops.

Pruning activity continues in grape vineyards and deciduous fruit trees. Emperor grapes are moving to market from storage. Many are being shipped to the export trade.

Navel oranges are being picked and shipped in increasing volume. Demand and price is good on the larger sizes. Lemons are being harvested and Satsuma mandarins are being picked.

A small amount of oriental vegetables and napa cabbage are going to the markets.

Rangeland feed conditions are very poor. More rain is needed badly to bring on new grass growth.

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A.A.U.W. had a meeting and asked us to bring a persimmon pudding. I never baked a persimmon pudding. We always had Grandmother Loyd's pudding at Christmas, and it

really never dawned on me that I could make one. I made one for the meeting, and was so pleased with myself, I have been making lots of them. They look very fancy in their little foil pans with a sprig of holly. The recipe is LORRAINE BURTNER'S, and this is the first time I have ever had the nerve to give anything I've baked for a little gift. It's really good, but I have to find out how to make hard sauce. We like hard sauce.

A young man called from the Sheriff's Office to apologize for the rough ride we had in their paddy wagon. He said they were working on a new method of transportation for the juries, and that the one we had been in was cleaned up. I should have asked

what the young man's name was. He was so nice and I'm sure the juries from now on will have a better time going to lunch. I enjoyed being on the jury, even if I was dumb.

A teacher asked the class what carol they would like to sing, and one little boy said he liked the "one about the man who threw up the ribbon." It took the teacher a few minutes to decide what the little boy was thinking about. "Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the window and threw up the sash." Then the time my own son asked me where Orienta was. The place where the three kings came from. Oh, that place!

These are great with holiday refreshments:

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- 1/2 pkg. of onion soup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup of flour

Butter and cheese at room temp., of course. Blend, add rest of ingredients. Make into rolls, cover with wax paper, chill, cut into 1/4 inch slices. Bake on ungreased sheet. 10 to 15 min. 350 degrees. We think they are great. JENNETTE JESSUP of Lindsay had them the other night and I thought you would like the recipe. Nice to have the rolls in your refrigerator.

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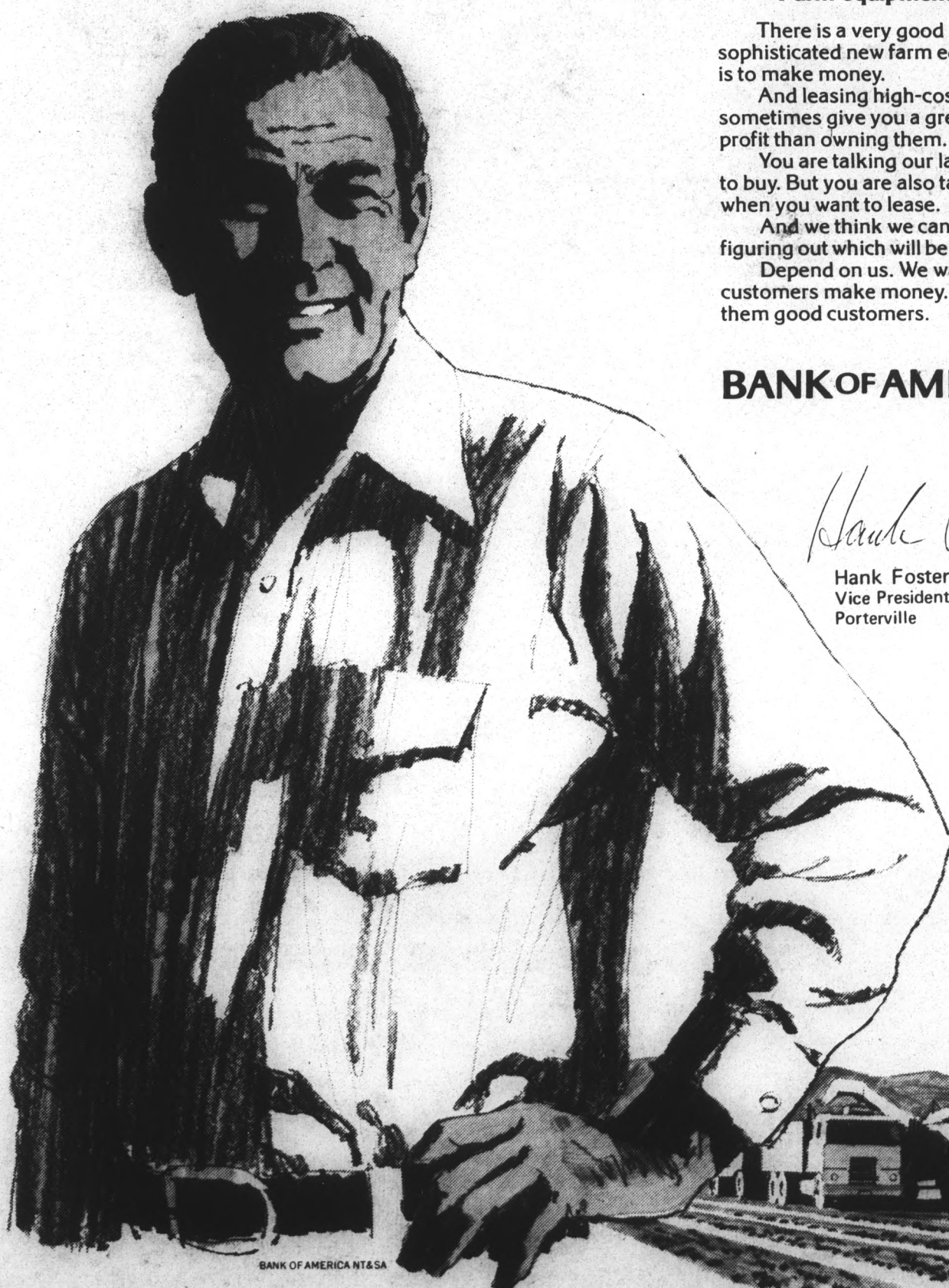
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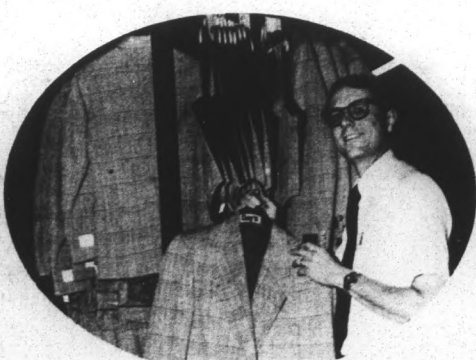


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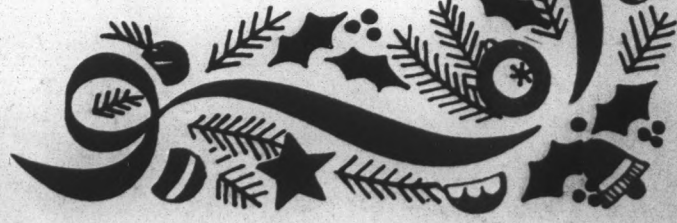
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SACRAMENTO — The passage of a new California law requires all state wineries to report prices paid to growers for wine grapes. According to State Food and Agriculture Director L.T. Wallace, SB 1609 requires every wine processor to report the tonnage they crushed, final price paid and other information to his Department by January 10. Wineries that have purchased grapes on reference contracts (prices based on market conditions not available by January 10) must report by February 25.

Range conditions throughout California continue to decline.



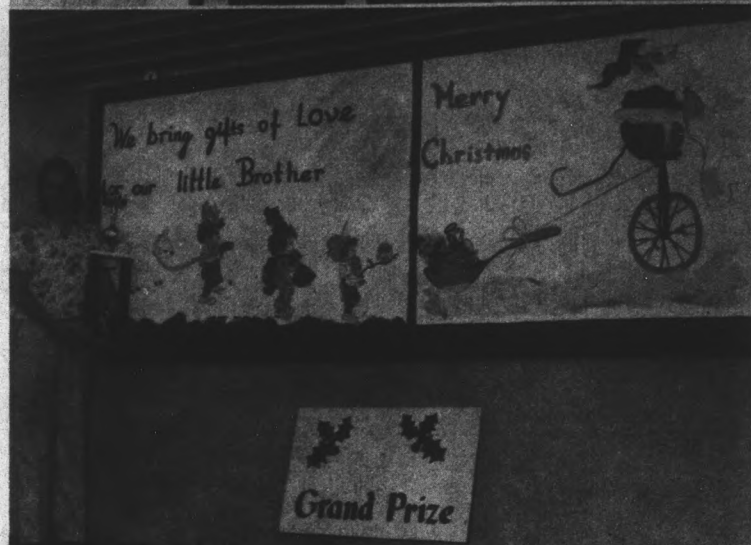
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WINNERS IN Porterville State Hospital Christmas Mural Painting contest, from left: Kathy Bagerly, Marian Abbink, Claude Wolf, and Bob Gray; Miss

Bagerly and her sweepstakes-winning mural; and the mural by Jim Fox that received a special judges award.

(Farm Tribune photos)

Cathy Bagerly Wins Sweepstakes Honors In Hospital Mural Painting

PORTERVILLE — Miss Cathy Bagerly, a senior at Monache High school, was named sweepstakes winner of the Annual Christmas Mural Painting contest held at Porterville State hospital. Her winning theme was "We bring gifts of love for our little brother - Merry Christmas," illustrating three little children leading a lamb and following Santa Claus on a unicycle. Miss Bagerly's mural was sponsored by Unit F-17 and is displayed outside the

unit on Circle Drive South.

Other winners were: First place, Brian Loflin, a freshman at Monache high, Unit M-16; second place, Marian Abbink, a freshman at Monache, Unit M-12; third place, Claude Wolf, a sophomore at Porterville high, Unit M-4; and Bob Gray, a sophomore at Monache high, Unit M-5.

A special Judges Award was presented to Jim Fox, Psychiatric Technician on Unit (Continued On Page 9)



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RED TAPE, not the traditional ribbon, was cut at official opening of the new Porterville welfare office building December 15, with this ceremony performed by, from left, top photo: Hilmi Faud, county welfare director;

Supervisor Ray Muller; and Mozelle Sunderland, director of the Porterville office. Other offices in the new remodelled complex that was formerly the Brey Wright Lumber company, house the county assessor, county building department and

the county agricultural department, with lower photo in the agriculture office, showing from left: Supervisors Don Baird, who is retiring from the board, and Fred Batkin; Agricultural Commissioner Clyde Churchill; Ernest Crew, who is in charge of the Porterville agriculture office; and New Supervisor Clyde Gould. (Farm Tribune photos)

FOUR COUNTY OFFICES IN NEW COMPLEX

PORTERVILLE — Four branches of Tulare County offices are housed in a new complex that was officially opened December 15 at 75 West Olive in Porterville, formerly location of the Brey Wright Lumber company.

The complex, completely remodeled and leased from Webb & Faure, of Porterville, includes 13,100 square feet for the welfare department that has approximately 73 employees and serves all communities in the

southeastern part of Tulare county.

In a second building, a 2,000 square foot area houses Porterville branches of the county agriculture, assessor and building departments with a total of 23 employees. Private office space is also occupied in this building.

The Porterville Welfare office is one of four district offices located in Tulare county to serve the people in each community. Established in 1966 the

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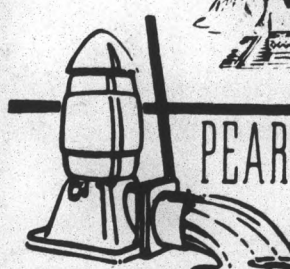
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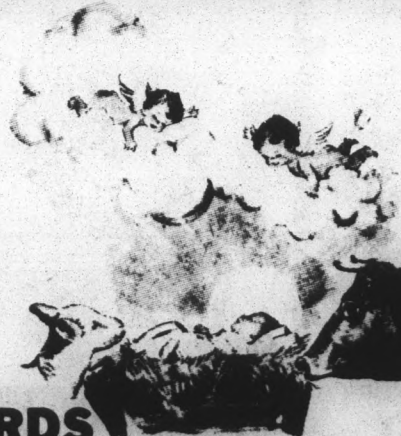


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Porterville, California 93257
This business is conducted by an individual.

Signed Everett Howard Neal.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 13, 1976.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Gloria Couchman, Deputy
EXPIRES 12-31-81
D16,23,30,36

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as:

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at Alpine, Tulare County.

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2. **JAMES C. REYNOLDS**
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3. **MARY H. MARKGREN**
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This business is conducted by a limited partnership.

Signed James C. Reynolds,
Mary H. Markgren,
Robert T. Markgren.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 1, 1976.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Yolanda I. Rodriguez, Deputy
EXPIRES 12-31-81
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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 4, 1977, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Courthouse, Mineral King and Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

The hearing will pertain to an Amendment to the Zoning Regulations, Case No. PZ 76-50, as recommended by the Tulare County Planning Commission in its Resolution No. 4757, for a change of zone from the present A-1 (Agricultural) Zone to the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) Zone on a 0.35 acre parcel located on the north side of North Grand Avenue, 320 feet east of Beverly Drive, in northwest Porterville.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at said time and place. By order of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated December 16, 1976.
JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By Carol Santos, Deputy

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT.

In the Matter of the Twenty-Third Annual Assessment of the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT has, pursuant to Section 36552 of the Water Code of the State of California, filed an estimate of the sum required by the District to discharge all of its obligations, (1) which were then unpaid, and (2) which will materialize during the next year, and (3) which probably will be incurred and mature during the next year, and that Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the forenoon in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse in the City of Visalia, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place when and where the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County will meet as a Board of Equalization and hear all objections presented to it regarding the correctness of any assessment of the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT and all testimony relevant to such objections and continue in session from day to day until all objections and relevant evidence have been heard and acted upon, and that the assessment book of the said District is on file with the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors and may be inspected by the public at the office of the Clerk of said Board in said Courthouse at Visalia, California, at any time during business hours until the completion of the hearing.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1976.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

JAY C. BAYLESS, COUNTY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
By Carol Santos
Deputy Clerk
d16,23

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NEXT WEEK'S REPRESENTATIVE

CASSIDY'S SHOES

County Offices...

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Porterville office serves the southeastern part of the county from the Kern county line north to Avenue 240 and from Inyo county on the east to Road 152 on the west. A staff of 73 social workers, eligibility workers, supervisors and fiscal, clerical support serve approximately 7,500 persons each month; average number of persons seen each month in the office is 3,000.

State and Federal Welfare programs - Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medical and county only, General Relief, are administered from this local office. In addition, the total range of social services including homemaker/chore for the elderly, blind and disabled and protective services for children are offered.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The telephone number is 781-0810.

The office of Agriculture Commissioner of Tulare County was formed in 1909. For the next 47 years the inspectors assigned to the Porterville area worked from their home and the back of their automobiles. In 1956 a permanent office was established in Porterville.

The 10 inspectors who now serve the southeastern area of Tulare county inspect approximately 60% of the table grapes in the county worth approximately \$60,000,000.00. They enforce the State Agricultural code pertaining to horticultural diseases, grade standards of fruits and vegetables and weed and rodent control. They also enforce the State Agricultural code pertaining to the use of insecticides and herbicides.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. An inspector is always available in the office from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 1:00-2:00 p.m. The telephone number is 784-2489.

The Assessor's Porterville branch office has had several locations during the last 25 years during which time four different assessors have served Tulare county. Prior to that time staff was hired seasonally and those deputies worked out of their homes.

The present staff assesses approximately 40% of the land area of Tulare county, about 2,000 square miles.

The location in Porterville serves as a working office for the staff of 8 deputy assessors and one auditor appraiser. They

offer limited service in the office of the public, such as providing homeowners tax exemption applications. The telephone number is 784-2489.

The Tulare County Building department, Porterville branch office, was first established in 1957 with one man. It continued as a one man office until 1962 when due to the continuing growth in construction in the area a second man was added. In 1972 a third man was added to the permanent Porterville staff.

Building department inspectors serve the southeast area of Tulare county in the enforcement of the county building ordinances. Approximately 100 permits are processed monthly from this office and from 800 to 1,000 inspections are made monthly.

They serve the people of this area by issuing applications for permits to contractors and builders, and inspecting buildings, sites, plans and drawings with regard to the required code.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. An inspector is always available in the office for consultation from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. The telephone number is 784-2489.

Sweepstakes...

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F-4, for the outstanding mural in the resident-staff class.

Mural judges were Ms. Barbara Job, chairperson of Porterville Elementary School board; Fernando Martinez, president, Porterville State Hospital Parents Group, Inc.; Ms. Shirley Conley, Sr. Psychiatric Technician II, and professional artist; Aubrey Lumley, Porterville city councilman; and James T. Shelton, M.D., medical director, Porterville State hospital.

The public is cordially invited to view the murals displayed on the walls of hospital units during the holiday season.

GAS COMPANY PAYS \$310,000

VISALIA - First installment property taxes paid to Tulare County by Southern California Gas Co. and its affiliate, Pacific Lighting Service Co., came to nearly \$310,000. The payment is the first installment of the utilities' 1976-77 Tulare county property tax bill of about \$620,000, said Chuck Schweitzer, San Joaquin Valley division manager of the gas company.

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ZEGERS GRADUATES AT KEESLER AFB

BILOXI, Miss. - Airman Patrick M. Zegers, of Porterville, has graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the Air Training command's basic course for electronics specialists. Airman Zegers, who received instruction in communications and electronics systems principles, is remaining at Keesler for advanced training. He is a 1976 graduate of Monache High school.



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SUNKIST DIRECTORS NAMED BY EXCHANGE

LINDSAY — Three representatives to the board of directors of Sunkist Growers were selected at the 66th annual meeting of the Central California Citrus Exchange, Sunkist sales organization based in Lindsay. The directors are David I. Kline and Mike Thompson, both of Visalia, and Joe Zimmerman, Woodlake. Their alternates are Nelson Cairns, Lemon Cove; Dick Stark, Jr., Lindsay, and Gus Gulmert, Exeter. The number of directors for an Exchange is based on the volume of fruit it handles in the preceding year.



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MONACHE STUDENTS Carol Felix and Blanca Rodriguez present Adele McCourt with one of several hundred Christmas plants distributed to convalescent home residents in

the Porterville area. Distribution of the plants is an annual project of the Monache Student Council. Miss Felix and Miss Rodriguez are coordinators of the project this year.

CWA . . .

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Don Curlee, a Fresno-based agricultural public relations specialist, will talk about CWA's history and future at the luncheon session. He will also relate CWA's role in the recent

defeat of Proposition 14 and point out areas of agricultural concern in the San Joaquin valley.

During the business meeting permanent officers will be elected and organizational procedures established.

Membership applications in the Tulare County CWA unit which are filed on or before January 5 will be included in the Charter Member rolls. Information regarding luncheon reservations or memberships may be obtained by calling 592-2821 or by writing CWA, P.O. Box 52, Exeter, CA 93221.

Working on the organizing committee in southeastern Tulare county, and their telephone numbers are: Mary Berra, 784-7589; Willie Childress, 784-7899; Clara Rutherford, 784-7310; Agnes Pelous, 562-4480; and Janice Hurley, 562-4063.

Boydston . . .

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terms are: Solon Boydston, Jr., Porterville, president; Charles V. Sheldon, Lindsay, vice president; F.S. Rauber, Porterville, treasurer; Martin, secretary, and Ronald Kissick, assistant secretary.

Robert W. Bennett will continue to serve as TCFE representative on the Sunkist board, with Don Job and Don Laux, alternates. All are of Porterville.

Shippers affiliated with the Exchange are: Baird Neece Packing Corp, with Dick Neece, Donald Laux and F.S. Rauber, directors and Albin Baker and James Beck, alternate directors.

Magnolia Citrus association with William Bennett and Don Job, directors and Roger D. Williams and Richard E. Marshall, alternates.

Porterville Citrus association with William Richardson and Fred Reeder, directors and Wilbur J. Larson and William H. Williamson, alternates.

Strathmore Cooperative association with Rex Pursell and Roger Bodine, directors and Lester Weldon and J.L. Bessey, alternates.

Strathmore Packing House company with Charles Sheldon and Richard Lamb, directors and John Hester and Kenneth Holaday, alternates.

Sunland Packing House company with Harrison Smith and Paul M. Steele, directors and Gilbert Bristow and Norio Iwata, alternates.

Tulare County Lemon association with Robert W. Bennett and Solon Boydston Jr., directors and Frank T. Graham and Ronald Michaelis, alternates.

Canterbelles . . .

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uniform deposit and a charge for insurance.

Additional information can be obtained from Lillian Hughes, 784-6168; or Walker Thomas, 784-9495. Spring practice on a new drill will start shortly after the first of the year.

Most San Joaquin Valley cotton fields have been shredded and disced with only a moderate amount of cotton remaining to be picked.

Seasons Greetings

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In The Highest
And On Earth
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Luke: 2:14

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